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SUBJ: PUBLIC TRIBUTE TO NEW CIVILIAN GOVERNOR OF GUAYAS

REF: GUAYAQUIL 0119

1. LAST THURSDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 5, THE MOST PROMINENT CITIZENRY OF GUAYAQUIL TURNED OUT FOR A PUBLIC TRIBUTE TO DR. ALFONSO TRUJILLO BUSTAMENTE, NEWLY APPOINTED CIVILIAN GOVERNOR OF GUAYAS PROVINCE. THE MEETING HELD AT THE TENNIS CLUB WAS INITIATED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ECUADOREAN BROADCASTERS. (AER-ASOCIACION ECUTORIANA DE RADIODIFUSION)
AND ABOUT 150 TO 200 LEAVING LIGHTS OF LOCAL BANKING, MEDIA, CHURCH, GOVERNMENT AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL GROUPS WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

2. LAUDATORY SPEECH BY PRESIDENT OF AER TEODORO CABEZAS Y CABEZAS OUTLINED CAREER OF TRUJILLO AND FACT OF HIS APPOINTMENT AS CIVILIAN GOVERNOR A FIRST STEP IN RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL RULE SINCE TAKEOVER BY MILITARY IN 1972. PURPOSEOVEETING WAS TO PROVE TO DR. TRUJILLO THAT WHOLE COMMUNITY BEHIND HIM AND WISHED HIM WELL IN HIS POST.

3. GOVERNOR IN REPLY, OBVIOUSLY PLEASED AT HOMAGE PAID HIM, PROMISED WORK HARD FOR COMMUNITY BETTERMENT AND RETURN TO RULE OF LAW.
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4. COMMENT: HOMENAJE'S OF THIS TYPE HAVE BEEN USED IN
THE PAST AS A SUBSTITUTE POLITICAL PARTY GATHERING HERETOFORE
BANNED BY THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT. THIS DOES NOT APPEAR TO
HAVE BEEN THAT TYPE OF GATHERING, GIVEN THE MAKE-UP OF THE
PERSONALITIES IN ATTENDANCE. IT WAS RATHER, MORE THAN LIKELY,
THE CIVILIAN SECTOR SHOWING THE MILITARY JUNTA THAT THEY APPRECIATE
A CIVILIAN GOVERNOR AND WANT A RETURN TO CONSITUTIONAL,
REPRESENTATIONAL LAW. I AM SURE THIS WILL NOT BE LOST ON THE
TRIUMVIRATE.
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